

Senate Resolution 1245

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Hawkins of the 49th, Shafer of the 48th, Balfour of the 9th and Thomas of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Mrs. Wilma Floey Robertson-Tillman; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 2, 2008, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
4 distinguished citizens with the passing of Mrs. Wilma Floey Robertson-Tillman; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Robertson-Tillman was born on August 7, 1929, in Clay County,
6 Alabama, to Mr. Comer B. and Mrs. Bertha Walker Robertson; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Robertson-Tillman graduated from Ray City High School in 1946, where
8 she was one of 12 students, and went on to attend Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College,
9 before teaching at the Georgia Teachers College and meeting her husband, Ralph A. Tillman,
10 who she married on August 26, 1951; they both attended Valdosta State College and
11 graduated in 1953; and

12 WHEREAS, while attending college, she occasionally taught school, and after graduation
13 from Valdosta State College, she taught school for four years, eventually becoming the
14 principal, while Ralph began medical school; and

15 WHEREAS, she was a loving wife to her husband and a devoted mother to her three sons
16 and daughter, and spent much of her time participating in school activities, volunteering her
17 time to worthy causes, and fundraising for various community organizations; and

18 WHEREAS, in the late 70's, she and her husband bought property in Lilburn, Georgia; Mrs.
19 Tillman opened a restaurant called "Little Gardens" in Gwinnett County and a "Hello Kitty"
20 gift shop in Athens, but the restaurant was eventually sold and the money used to establish
21 an OB/GYN practice for Mr. Tillman; and

1 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated provided the
2 foundation and framework of success in which all of her family members have developed
3 and flourished; and

4 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman gave inspiration to many through her high
5 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possessed the vast wisdom
6 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
7 through overcoming the many challenges of life.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
9 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Mrs. Wilma Floey
10 Robertson-Tillman.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Wilma Floey
13 Robertson-Tillman.